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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets were unchanged in the East and West, but slightly higher in the Midwest when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment ranged steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was fair to moderately good going into the weekend. Overall, best movement was into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient, but clearing. In the parts structure, demand was moderate to fairly good on all items. However, best movement was noted on dark meat. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**Preliminary report** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11-DEC-2006 (cents per lb)

### **US GRADE A**

(Including branded product)

<u>AREAS</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>WTD AVG</u>	<u>LOADS</u>
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	59.00-62.00	58.00-68.00	61.95	28
New York	60.00-63.00			
Los Angeles	76.00			Southeast
Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	68.00-70.00	60.00-75.00	68.57	89

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### **PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT**

<u>LOADS</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.</u>
951	63.00-70.15	68.69
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:	<u>WTD. AVG.</u>	<u>VOLUME</u>
LINE RUN TENDERS	152.50	965
BREASTS - B/S	125.00	5,272
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.50	1,193
THIGH MEAT - B/S	87.00	833
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	8,167
WINGS	98.00	2,498

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand, although not aggressive, was reported as moderate and clearing available offerings. Interest into fast food outlets was fairly good. Supplies were usually adequate, but clearing at most locations. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderately good on most all items. However, best clearances were noted on dark meat items. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were no more than adequate to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was fair. Interests into fast food outlets were moderate to fairly good. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, most items remained in good balance to well cleared with the exception of gizzards which were available.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was steady. Offerings adequate. Retailer demand fairly good. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices moved higher for next weeks' deliveries into the Chicago area. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady, instances firm. Offers were generally well cleared on a light trade call. Fill-in trade on mixed sized wogs into the Ohio market noted at 62 1/2 cents. Movement into all channels was mostly light to moderate, although catering and fast food demand was good. Floor stocks were adequate; weights in a desirable range for the most part. Parts trade saw good interest on wings and boneless dark meat, moderate demand on remainder of items. Supplies of all parts were well positioned to tight. The market tone was fully steady to firm on all parts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained generally good entering the weekend. Seller offerings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 73 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, offerings were adequate to closely cleared.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

### **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

<u>RANGE</u>	57-78
<u>WEIGHTED AVERAGE</u>	(A)
<u>NO. OF BOXES</u>	(A)
<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	(A)
	12/04/06 - 12/08/06
	12/05/05 - 12/09/05
<u>NO. OF BOXES</u>	(A)
	12/04/06 - 12/08/06
	12/05/05 - 12/09/05
	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

DEC 07

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

DEC 08

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	563	107.00-188.00	-	118.00	660	110.00-189.00	-	123.21	3,126	116.82
TENDERLOINS	247	94.00-179.00	100-104	103.51	236	99.00-177.00	101-105	103.86	1,070	101.99
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				411	68.02
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				270	59.35
LEGS	168	32.00-48.00	34-35	35.45	TOO FEW TO REPORT				600	35.62
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	631	22.00-29.00	23-24	23.81	602	22.00-31.00	24-25	24.85	3,052	23.96
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	819	23.00-33.00	26-27	27.23	849	23.00-33.00	26-27	27.00	4,239	26.64
WINGS (WHOLE)	297	85.00-93.00	86-89	89.48	295	87.00-98.00	91-94	94.32	1,477	89.82
WINGS (CUT)	200	106.00-112.00	107-110	108.40	275	105.00-113.00	109-112	109.62	1,275	107.73
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				346	36.66
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				125	38.39
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				447	87.69

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR DEC 07, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

**RANGE****TODAY'S AVERAGE**

40.50 - 44.50

41.74

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**RANGE****TODAY'S AVERAGE****5-DAY AVERAGE**

40.50 - 47.00

42.47

41.53

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying interest was fairly good to good entering the weekend. Offerings of most items were in good balance to well cleared and held with confidence. Gizzards were available and slow to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was firm for breast items, tenders, thighs and thigh meat. The balance of items was at least steady to firm.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

DEC 07

**CURRENT NEG WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	107.55	745,560
TENDERLOINS	100-105	100.35	278,980
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	71.18	116,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	68.00	81,000
LEGS	43-44	41.17	153,700
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	29.40	307,160
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	34.10	114,680
THIGHS	31-32	37.65	65,680
B/S THIGHS	92-93	84.63	119,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	91-92	95.80	248,540
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.34	23,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	33.73	20,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	66.64	19,000

**CURRENT NEG****WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL
BREAST - B/S	125	110.56	770,760	106.09	3,686,806
TENDERLOINS	105	97.14	261,360	96.99	1,213,750
BREAST - WITH RIBS	66-67	75.24	105,280	72.45	439,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	66	68.77	86,400	66.63	399,560
LEGS	44-45	40.46	212,400	40.27	848,740
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	29.68	355,680	29.26	1,575,280
DRUMSTICKS	27-28	33.78	128,440	34.06	550,090
THIGHS	32-33	38.86	77,840	37.82	325,720
B/S THIGHS	93-94	86.42	96,800	84.10	543,690
WINGS (WHOLE)	92-93	95.51	250,180	94.57	1,162,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.52	23,400	11.45	125,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	34.59	15,840	35.96	65,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	65.47	35,840	67.18	118,880

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, &amp; PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	12/08	12/07	12/06	12/05	12/06	12/05	12/01	11/29	
Alabama	3,979	3,987	3,784	3,824	5.48	5.52	4,330	5.53	
Arkansas	5,051	5,235	5,248	5,062	5.28	5.23	4,369	5.30	
Delmarva	2,238	2,266	2,296	2,559	5.84	5.86	2,200	5.97	
KY-LA-TN	2,242	2,423	2,360	2,362	5.08	5.16	2,311	5.14	
Mississippi	2,861	2,942	2,866	2,935	5.69	5.75	3,342	5.80	
North Carolina	2,816	2,706	2,717	2,676	6.89	6.88	2,679	6.86	
Texas	2,527	2,516	2,536	2,467	5.33	5.43	2,518	5.36	
Total	21,714	22,075	21,807	21,589	5.61	5.64	21,749	5.66	
Mon-Fri	110,129(A)						108,672(A)		
Saturday	879(included in total for date shown)						1,862		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Dec-06 and 09-Dec-06 is estimated to be 32,487,000 head down 0.46 percent from a week ago and down 1.96 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,637,000, last year 33,136,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 09-Dec-06 is estimated to be 163,629,000 head down 0.49 percent from a week ago, and up 1.07 percent from a year ago. (Last week 164,436,000, last year 161,899,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	110-114
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
DUCKS	ICE PACK	111-118
	ICE PACK	86-100
	ICE PACK	100-107
	ICE PACK	190-195

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection,

Week ending 02-Dec-06

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26- 6.26 lbs	(C) 6.26- 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
	Thousands				
(Preliminary)					
Head	38,990	85,569	25,406	14,471	164,436
Avg Live Wgt	3.76	5.42	6.93	8.48	5.53
% of total /1	24%	52%	15%	9%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	33,024	58,917	17,507	11,065	120,513
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.40	6.81	8.17	5.44
% of total /1	27%	49%	15%	9%	100%
Year Ago 2/	41,565	78,393	30,029	14,553	164,540
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.36	6.86	8.31	5.47
% of total /1	25%	48%	18%	9%	100%

To date/2006	2,190,954	3,833,284	1,072,354	637,728	7,734,320
To date/2005	2,243,954	3,735,613	1,290,004	453,819	7,723,390

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

(B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.

(C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** W/E 02-Dec-06

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
(Preliminary)					
Head	164,436	800	1,562	2,362	533
Avg Wt	5.53	3.26	8.04	6.42	6.86
Last week	120,513	560	921	1,481	396
Same wk yr ago	164,540	1,281	1,499	2,780	595
Avg Wt	5.47	3.25	7.89	5.75	6.89
To-date/2006	7,734,320	51,251	71,380	122,631	23,939
To-date/2005	7,723,390	68,362	67,875	136,237	23,935

((A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.4 million head, or 9.6 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
October 28	166.2	163.3	102%	5.47
November 4	166.1	163.0	102%	5.29
11	168.3	159.9	105%	5.50
18	162.4	156.3	104%	5.49
25	122.0	156.7	78%	5.44
December 2	166.4	156.8	106%	5.53
Year to date	7828.1	7836.5	100%	
December 9		156.6		
16		156.8		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER****Under Federal Inspection**

W/E	12/09/06	12/02/06	% CHG	12/10/05	% CHG
Broilers	163,629	164,436*	-0.49	161,899*	+1.07
Cattle	643	636	+01	609*	+06
Hogs	2,107	2,156	-02	2,120*	-01

\*ACTUAL

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 04-DEC-2006

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	155-159	161-165
MIDWEST MOSTLY	136-146	138-148

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58.00-65.00	61.00-65.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-86.00	66.00-72.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ. 62.64 - 85.05

14 OZ. 69.12 - 96.39

16 OZ. 74.88 - 106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT &amp; WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices remained unchanged.

Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was usually good. Supplies were adequate to balanced. Schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.65-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.65-1.00.

DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 04-DEC-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	122-146	130-148

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION** - December 05, 2006

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	- .75
Chukars	- 3.25 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.25 - .30
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.30 - .40
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.25 - .30
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.35 - .50
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.35 - .45
Guinea Fowl	1.20 - 1.50 ea.
Banty Roosters	1.00 - 1.25 ea.
Banty Hens	.75 - 1.00 ea.
Silgies	1.50 - 1.75 ea.
Pigeons	1.75 - 2.00 ea.
White Pigeons	2.50 - 3.00 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.75 - 1.85
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.20 - 1.30
Bunnies	1.00 - 3.50 ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 4.50 ea.
Doves	3.50 - 4.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	- 4.00 ea.
<b>Total Coops Sold</b>	<b>300</b>

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of both light and heavy canners were at least sufficient sufficient for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was seasonally fair to moderate. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
18-28 MAJORITY 23.5-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
20-29 MAJORITY 25-26	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

#### **LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS** Prices were slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to fairly good. Offerings were mostly adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	6-12	7-9

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Light hens were of insufficient volume to report pricing. Supplies were fully adequate for processor needs. Schedules were reduced. Dressed sales were slow. Salvage costs were expected to remain constant.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Removal prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand moderate to instances fairly good. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	4.5-10	4.5-5.5

**WEST COAST LIGHT** Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

#### **HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-DEC-06

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly fair to moderate for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product seasonally moderate. The undertone was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

#### **NEW YORK SEASONAL POULTRY**

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2006

#### **CAPONS:**

Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A capons were in close balance to well cleared. Processors were busy with December bookings and shipments. Prices to first receiver were unchanged. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

#### **DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:**

6-9 LBS. 1.70-1.84 MOSTLY 1.70-1.75

#### **GEESE:**

Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese were in close balance to instances tight. Bookings and buyer inquiries for December needs was noted as mostly normal. Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady.

#### **DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:**

8-16 LBS. 2.26-2.45 MOSTLY 2.35-2.40

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